

# Agenda, DS Board Meeting, 2013-11-20

**Time:** 13.00-16.00

**Place:** 2.205 Grupprum 3, Student Union Building, Johanneberg, second floor

**Attendees:**

Viktor Andersson, Amir Malakizadi, Ragnar Larusson, Nojan Najafi, Patrick Moldenhauer, Stig Anton Nielsen, Emma Zhang, Francesco Mazzotta, Karin Jonsson, Ronja Thies, David Gustafsson, Rajet Krishnan

<b>Point on the agenda</b>	<b>Rapporteur</b>
<b>§1. Opening of meeting</b>	
<b>§2. Election of meeting officials</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Francesco Mazzotta was elected to be chairman.</li><li>• Viktor Andersson was elected as secretary.</li><li>• Emma Zhang was elected to adopt the minutes</li></ul>	
<b>§3. Approval of agenda</b> <p>The agenda was approved, but Karin wanted to have a presentation round, Nojan wanted to discuss CIRC cooperation and the PhD pub was added to "Other issues". All above was approved.</p>	
<b>§4. Meeting notice in due order</b> <p>Agenda was sent out more than 1 week before the meeting.</p>	
<b>§5. Minutes from previous meeting</b> <p>The minutes from the previous board meeting (2013-09-23) was sealed. A discussion arose around how to have comments on the minutes. It was decided that the sealers have comments on the minutes, then they are available on BOX until next meeting where objections can be made from anyone.</p>	<b>Francesco</b>
<b>§6. Key topics from the committees</b> <p><i>Introduction days:</i></p> <p>Nojan used the same presentation as last year, updated with a section about the newsletter and the working group.</p> <p><i>Chalmers Board:</i></p> <p>One meeting has been held since last time. Main discussion was about how to handle the graphene flagship.</p> <p>There were also discussions about the co-worker survey, where Chalmers came out in about the same level as other workplaces, but in AJK it was claimed that the result was better</p>	<b>Francesco</b>

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than other universities.

Chalmers has identified a couple of areas where we lack sufficient security in the IT systems.

*AJK*

No meeting since last time.

*Faculty council*

Discussions about rankings. Chalmers wants to score well, but not work too much with issues that would benefit us in the rankings, but not be in line with what our overall goals are. The DS board wants to raise this question again in AJK, since we see a point in having a high ranking. However, there have been studies where it was shown that it was not important to students.

Chalmers has low base funding, but we will go in direction towards higher base funding.

Everyone is encouraged to propose honorary doctorates.

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One meeting since last time. HAL 2.0 was discussed. 98% of all supervisors have been to the old one, so now something new is needed. One suggestion was that the DOMB could have seminars regarding usual problems.

Tools for selfadministration were hailed with enthusiasm in terms of policy, but technical problems are present. The matters will be pushed from Chalmers, but we need to do a follow-up.

Arbetsordningen is under progress. Suggestions are that PhD students should no longer have the right to change supervisor, but this was turned down. It should also be easier to fire PhD students. We see problems with this. Patrik says that both firing and changing supervisors should be more formalized so that it is easier to see when it is allowed or not. There will be a discussion with SACO and DS before this goes through.

Results of coworker survey showed that women were not as pleased as men. Architecture has lower results than everybody else, which is maybe not strange due to recent turbulence.

There was also discussion about the alert system for salary increase around licentiate degree. DS wants to be mentioned so that PhD students know where to turn if they have problems,

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but this was controversial.

*Supervisor of the year:*

Announcement will be published soon.

*Charm:*

People responsible from Chalmers side has been identified. A backdrop may be gathered and new flyers are under way. Ulrika has also said yes to a new roll-up. We will also get t-shirts so that our affiliation to Chalmers will be more recognizable.

*Library council:*

Library is being re-organized.

*SFS-DK:*

Ragnar have handed in his candidacy to be in the board.

*Chalmers research fund:*

Final suggestion ready. 73 applicants applied for a total of 1.5 MSEK, but only 650 000 was available. Ranking system should be more transparent. On the call, Chalmers could for instance put up last year's criteria.

*GUN:*

No contact.

*Research misconduct:*

No misconduct.

*Webpage:*

No issues.

*Accounting:*

18<sup>th</sup> of December is the last day to hand in the salary sheet. Francesco will put guidelines about the choice between departmental service and salary on BOX.

*Newsletter:*

Things to have in the newsletter is: Survey from the work group, Activities, General Assembly, Study plan, PhD Pubs and maybe also CIRC.

## **§7. Update on the wage negotiation**

**Viktor**

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The negotiations go on, and except for salary increases we are trying to tighten up the raise when getting you licentiate.

**§8. Workgroup on Satisfaction in PhD studies**

**Nojan**

The workgroup is dependent on more feedback concerning what are the real problems at Chalmers. They will now focus on a workplan with 2-5 points, but there is a need for one more PhD student at the moment. The workgroup has put up 4 milestones, and they need to do some statistical work with the survey to reach milestone 1 before the GA. Karin was interested in doing this. Hopefully milestone 4 will be reached by June 30.

**§9. Visa for non-EU students**

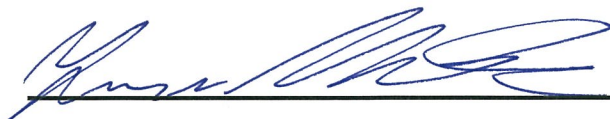
**Francesco**

There will be another vote in the parliament regarding the VISA issue, but it is hard to find out when. Discussions came up on how to relate to the vote and if it fails we will need to work more to gain public opinion. Francesco will send out a link to some recent initiatives. Ragnar can maybe pursue the issue in SFS-DK if he gets elected to the board.

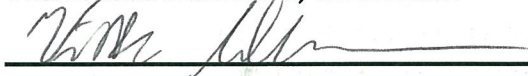
**§10. Other issues**

- PhD pubs will be announced on the webpage.
- CIRC cooperation. CIRC members did not show interest in dealing with PhD students. There is among other things a problem with funding, since they do not receive funding for PhD students. It could be beneficial to try to get their material, but maybe not worth the fight.

**§11. Closing of the meeting**



**Francesco Mazzotta, Chairman**



**Viktor Andersson, Secretary**



**Emma Zhang, sealer of minutes**